

ATTENTION ALL OFFERORS.

The FAA has received notification from potential offerors expressing concern over its decision to only include “Office Administrative Services” North American Industry Classification System (“NAICS”) code 561110 with a size standard of \$7.0 million and to exclude the “Facility Services” NAICS code 561210 with a size standard of \$35.0 million from the Systems Operations Management and Administrative Support Services (“SOMASS”) Screening Information Request (“SIR” or “Solicitation”). The Agency appreciates the continued interest in this Solicitation and seeks, with this announcement, to provide additional clarity to its determination.

The Solicitation was released on February 2, 2010. It included both the 561110 and the 561210 NAICS codes. It also encouraged all offerors to submit questions regarding the Solicitation to the Contracting Officer. The deadline for such submissions was February 16, 2010. The FAA received several hundred questions, a large part of which related to the inclusion of both NAICS codes. Questions were asked regarding which code would prevail over the other. Also, question arose over whether, because multiple awards are considered, there would be awards under each NAICS code. Still more questions related to the validity of the NAICS codes selected for the Solicitation. These and other questions indicated to the FAA that the inclusion of both codes was confusing to prospective offerors. Therefore, the Procurement Team, consisting of the Program Office, the Contracting Office, FAA Small Business Office, and Legal, reconvened and discussed each of the codes.

After several discussions, the team reached consensus and withdrew the 561210 code. Upon reaching that consensus, the FAA released its Amendment 0003 to the SIR, effectively answering the questions and amending the SIR accordingly. This consensus decision was reached after scrutinizing the scope of work, considering the required labor categories, determining the predominant type of work under the solicitation, reexamining the NAICS codes, reexamining the market survey responses, and studying U.S. Census Bureau’s NAICS descriptions. After a thorough examination, it became clear that the vast majority of work for the Solicitation fell under 561110 and not 561210. Additionally, it was evident that the 561210 NAICS code was appropriate for only a very small portion of the work under the Solicitation, and that portion of work was too small to justify retaining that code.

We sincerely regret the inconvenience that our decision has caused to any potential offeror that does not fall into the correct size standard. However, in consideration of any potential proposal realignment strategies, all offerors are hereby notified that the due date for proposals on this SIR has been extended to 4:30 P.M., EDT, on May 17, 2010.

We thank you for your interest and participation in this and other procurements emanating from this office.